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## **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund**

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*The 2007 Clean Water Financial Assistance Cycle began on August 18th. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) accepts applications for projects that involve the planning, engineering, construction, rehabilitation, modification, improvement, upgrading and/or equipping and expanding of wastewater treatment facilities, water reclamation facilities and related water quality projects.*

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### **The Money**

The funds are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency who appropriates the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The amount awarded each funding cycle varies and is dependent upon a federal allocation for the fiscal year, state matching funds, bonds and outstanding loan repayments.

### **Uses of Funds**

Funds can be used to plan, engineer, construct, rehabilitate, modify, improve, upgrade and/or equip and expand wastewater treatment facilities, water reclamation facilities and related water quality projects.

### **The Deadline**

For the 2007 CWSRF cycle, applications are due by October 5, 2006. However, applications may be submitted at anytime throughout the year. The Board of Directors will need to amend the Project Priority List to include applications submitted after the October deadline. the WIFA Board meets six times a year.

### **Eligibility**

Only governmental entities including cities, towns, special districts, county improvement districts, sanitary districts or Indian tribes are eligible to receive funds.

### **How to Apply**

1. Submit a 2007 CWSRF Project Priority List application for inclusion on the annual Priority List.
2. The PPL needs to be amended to include the project and approved by the WIFA Board.
3. Obtain "Readiness to Proceed" status meaning that the borrower has met or will meet all of WIFA's requirements to initiate the project and receive funding (see "Readiness to Proceed" Requirements on the back).
4. WIFA staff will send a Project Finance Application to the borrower for completion.
5. The PFA application is reviewed by WIFA staff and forwarded to the WIFA Board for consideration before funding can be received.

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### **The Application**

The 2007 CWSRF Project Priority List application may be completed on-line at:

**[www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov)**

If you have specific loan questions, please contact Angie Valenzuela, Senior Loan Officer at (602) 364-1313 or, toll free at (877) 298-0425.

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## “Readiness to Proceed” Requirements

*For a project to be designated ready to proceed, a borrower must have met or will meet all of the following requirements and then complete a Project Finance Application:*

"Legal Capability" means the borrower is legally eligible to receive funding.

"Financial Capability" means the borrower's ability to repay a loan.

"Technical Capability" means the proposed project is technically appropriate for its intended purpose and can be operated and maintained for the term of financial assistance.

"Managerial & Institutional Capability" means the borrower has the capability to operate the system in compliance with state and federal law.

"Debt Authority" means a public jurisdiction has obtained legal approval from its constituents to enter

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into long-term debt (i.e. revenue bond election). Debt authorization may be obtained by election or assessment. The method of debt authorization among Indian tribes will vary.

## Tips

💧 Projects are prioritized by public health factors, condition of facilities, local fiscal capacity, prior funding and consolidation and regionalization.

💧 Applicants who are not political subdivisions must form a political subdivision to serve as the financial assistance recipient and operating entity. Applicants may apply for a technical assistance grant or loan through WIFA to assist in forming a political subdivision.

💧 Communities may apply for a WIFA loan year-round. However, the Board must approve the project and amend the project PPL in order to receive funding.

## Schedule - 2007 Funding Cycle

<b>August 15, 2006</b>	PPL Applications Available at <a href="http://www.azwifa.gov">www.azwifa.gov</a>
<b>September 22, 2006</b>	2007 FA Workshop, 1-3 pm in Phoenix
<b>October 5, 2006</b>	PPL applications due
<b>October 2006</b>	Draft CWSRF Intended Use Plan and PL developed
<b>November 7, 2006</b>	Public review and comment period begins
<b>December 20, 2006</b>	WIFA Board of Directors approves CWSRF IUP and PPL
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	2006 CWSRF Funding Cycle Ends
<b>January 1, 2007</b>	2007 CWSRF Funding Cycle Begins

\* PPL Applications may be submitted year-round.

